

CLAIMS

1. A device for covering the eyes comprising a face-covering element, formed by a first layer of transparent elastic material, which, in use, is stretched to sealingly cover the wearer's eyes, and arms which, in use, extend around the wearer's head to hold the device in place.
2. A device according to claim 1 wherein the face-covering element is of unitary construction.
3. A device according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the thickness of the material forming the face-covering element varies.
4. A device according to any preceding claim which, in use, also covers the wearer's nose.
5. A device according to claim 4 comprising a moulded nose region shaped such that the device can fit around the wearer's nose.
6. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the face-covering element comprises a visor region.
7. A device according to claim 6 wherein the visor region comprises two lens regions, each having an inner and an outer surface.
8. A device according to claim 7 wherein the inner and the outer surface of each lens region is part spherical.
9. A device according to claim 7 or 8 wherein at least one surface of one lens region intersects at least one surface of the other lens region.
10. A device according to claim 7, 8 or 9 wherein at least one surface of at least one lens region is treated with an anti-fog coating.

11. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the material forming the device is a plastics material or rubber.
12. A device according to claim 11 wherein the plastics material is polyurethane.
13. A device according to any of claims 1 to 10 wherein the material forming the device is silicone rubber.
14. A device according to any of claims 6 to 10 wherein the material forming the visor region is silicone rubber and the material forming the remainder of the device is a plastics material or rubber.
15. A device according to any preceding claim which further comprises means for affixing a transparent member to the device to cover at least part of the face-covering element.
16. A device according to claim 15 wherein the transparent member is rigid.
17. A device according to claim 15 or 16 wherein the transparent member is affixed to the inner side of the device.
18. A device according to any of claims 15-17 wherein the transparent member is not colourless.
19. A device according to any preceding claim, further comprising a second layer, fixed on the first layer and defining an aperture such that, in use, the wearer's eyes are not covered by the second layer.
20. A device according to claim 19 wherein the second layer is formed from an elastic material.
21. A device according to claim 19 or 20 wherein the second layer is non-transparent.

22. A device according to any of claims 19 to 21 wherein the second layer of material is a breathable material.
23. A device according to any of claims 19 to 22 wherein the first and second layers are fixed together by adhesive.
24. A device for covering the eyes comprising a face-covering element, formed by a first layer of elastic material, which, in use, is stretched to sealingly cover the wearer's eyes, and arms which, in use, extend around the wearer's head to hold the device in place, the device further comprising:
- a. an aperture defined by the first layer such that, in use, the wearer's eyes are not covered by the first layer; and
 - b. a transparent second layer which is fixed to the first layer such that the second layer covers the aperture defined by the first layer.
25. A device according to claim 24 wherein the second layer comprises a visor region.
26. A device according to claim 25 wherein the visor region comprises two lens regions, each having an inner and an outer surface.
27. A device according to claim 26 wherein the inner and the outer surface of each lens region is part spherical.
28. A device according to claim 26 or 27 wherein at least one surface of one lens region intersects at least one surface of the other lens region.
29. A device according to claim 26, 27 or 28 wherein at least one surface of at least one lens region is treated with an anti-fog coating.
30. A device according to any of claims 24 to 29 wherein the first layer is non-transparent.

31. A device according to any of claims 24 to 30 wherein the first layer of elastic material is a breathable material.
32. A device according to any of claims 24 to 31 wherein the first and second layers are fixed together with adhesive.
33. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the device forms a band which, in use, encircles a wearer's head.
34. A device according to any of claims 1 to 33 wherein the arms are releasably fastened together by fastening means.
35. A device according to claim 34 wherein the fastening means comprises a hook and loop fastening material.
36. A device according to claim 34 wherein the fastening means comprises a clip device.
37. A device according to claim 34 wherein the fastening means comprises a buckle device.
38. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the device has an upper edge which, in use, makes sealing contact with a wearer's forehead.
39. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the device has an upper edge which, in use, makes sealing contact with a wearer's head above the ears.
40. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the device has a lower edge which, in use, makes sealing contact with a wearer's face across the nose.
41. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the device has a lower edge which, in use, makes sealing contact with a wearer's face across the cheeks.

42. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the device has a lower edge which, in use, makes sealing contact with a wearer's head under the ears.
43. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the material of the device, in use, makes sealing contact with the side of a wearer's face in front of the ears.
44. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the arms are of unitary construction with the face-covering element.
45. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the arms form cut-outs such that, in use, the wearer's ears are not covered by the device.
46. A device according to any of claims 1 to 43 wherein the arms are constructed from a different material to the face-covering element.
47. A device according to claim 46 wherein the arms define an aperture in the device such that, in use, the wearer's ears are not covered.
48. A device according to claim 46 or 47 wherein the arms are constructed from a Lycra[®]-containing material.
49. A device according to any preceding claim wherein the arms are arranged such that at least one arm extends around a wearer's head above each ear and/or at least one arm extends around the head below each ear.
50. A device for covering the eyes comprising a visor region, the visor region comprising two lens regions, each having an inner and an outer surface, each surface being part spherical.
51. A device according to claim 50 wherein at least one surface of one lens region intersects at least one surface of the other lens region.
52. A device according to claim 50 or 51 wherein the material forming the visor region is a plastics material, glass, or a combination thereof.

53. A device according to claim 52 wherein the plastics material is polyurethane or polycarbonate.
54. A device according to claim 50 or 51 wherein the material forming the visor region is rubber.
55. A device according to claim 50 or 51 wherein the material forming the visor region is silicone rubber.
56. A device according to any preceding claim which further comprises at least one eye-sealing element.
57. A device according to claim 56 wherein the or each of the eye-sealing element(s) is/are of unitary construction with the face-covering element.
58. A device according to claim 56 or 57 wherein there is one eye-sealing element comprising a protrusion from the inner surface of the device, which defines an eye-covering region.
59. A device according to claim 56 or 57 wherein there are two eye-sealing elements, each comprising a protrusion from the inner surface of the device, each of which defines an eye-covering region.
60. A device according to claim 58 or 59 wherein the or each protrusion is substantially L-shaped.
61. A device according to any of claims 58-60 wherein the or each protrusion(s), in use, makes sealing contact with the wearer's face around the eyes.
62. A device according to any of claims 58-61 wherein the or each protrusion(s), in use, spaces the material forming the inner surface of the or each eye-covering region(s) from the eye or eyes.

63. A swimming mask in the form of a device according to any preceding claim.